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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

BIG3 LLC, *et al.*,  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
AHMED AL-RUMAIHI, *et al.*,  
Defendants.

Case No.: CV 18-3466 DMG (SKx)  
**ORDER RE DEFENDANTS' *EX*  
*PARTE* APPLICATION TO  
SEAL CERTAIN DOCUMENTS  
[51]**

1 On August 23, 2018, Defendants filed an *Ex Parte* Application to seal  
 2 Plaintiffs' Response to an Order to Show Cause ("OSC") and Exhibits A and B to  
 3 the Declaration of Mark Geragos filed in support of Plaintiffs' Response to the OSC.  
 4 [Doc. # 51.] On August 27, 2018, Plaintiffs filed an Opposition to the *Ex Parte*  
 5 Application. [Doc. # 54.]


6 The Court concludes that the good cause standard applies to Defendants' *Ex*  
 7 *Parte* Application because Plaintiffs' Response to the OSC is only tangentially  
 8 related to the merits of the case. *See Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp, LLC*, 809  
 9 F.3d 1092, 1096–1102 (9th Cir. 2016). In fact, notwithstanding Plaintiffs' arguments  
 10 to the contrary, the information Defendants desire to seal has no apparent relevance  
 11 to this action. Further, with the exception of the parties' correspondence regarding  
 12 the logistics of production in an arbitration proceeding, the matter Defendants intend  
 13 to seal is protected by a confidentiality agreement. *See Hershman Decl.*, Ex. 1 at ¶ 5  
 14 [Doc. # 53-1]. Accordingly, Defendants have satisfied the good cause standard. *See*  
 15 *Cty. of Santa Clara v. Astra USA, Inc.*, 257 F.R.D. 207, 215 n.7 (N.D. Cal. 2009).

16 The Court issues the following rulings:

- 17 1. Docket Entry Nos. 43 (Plaintiffs' OSC Response) and 43-3 (Exhibit B  
 18 to the Geragos Declaration) shall remain sealed;
- 19 2. **Within three (3) days** of the date of this Order, Defendants shall refile  
 20 on the public docket the redacted document found in Docket Entry  
 21 No. 51-1; and
- 22 3. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to unseal Docket Entry Nos. 43-  
 23 1, 43-2, 43-4, 43-5, 43-6, 43-7, 43-8, 43-9, 43-10, 43-11, 43-12, 43-13,  
 24 and 43-14.

25 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

26 DATED: August 29, 2018

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 28 DOLLY M. GEE  
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE